

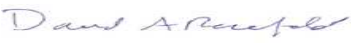
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

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Case 10-CA-279843 Date Filed 07-14-2021

INSTRUCTIONS:

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the Region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT		
a. Name of Employer Garten Trucking LLC		b. Tel. No. (540) 962-8715
		c. Cell No.
		f. Fax No. (540) 962-7088
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 128 N Maple Avenue Covington, VA 24426	e. Employer Representative Ben Strozier, General Manager	g. e-Mail gartentrucking@yahoo.com h. Number of workers employed 104
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Trucking Company	j. Identify principal product or service Trucking	
The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (3) of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce with the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act..		
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) See Attachment A		
3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers		
4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code) P.O. Box 4566 1430 SW Clay Street Portland, OR 97208-4566		4b. Tel. No. (503) 228-7486 4c. Cell No. (503) 709-6132 4d. Fax No. (503) 972-7684 4e. e-Mail mcook@awppw.org
5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization) Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers		
6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  (signature of representative or person making charge)		Tel. No. (510) 337-1001 Office, if any, Cell No. Fax No. (510) 337-1023 e-Mail nlrbotices@unioncounsel.net drosenfeld@unioncounsel.net
Address: Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld 1375 55th Street Emeryville, CA 94608		July 13, 2021 (date)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

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Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

ATTACHMENT A

Within the last six months the above-named Employer has engaged in the following unlawful conduct:

1. Spying on and Surveillance of employees engaged in union and/or protected activity.
2. Interrogation of employees regarding union and/or protected activity.
3. Threats to go out of business and terminate its agreement with its client Westrock because of union and/or protected activity.
4. Threats to shut the company down if unionized.
5. Threats to retaliate against and/or discriminate against employees who support the union in any way.
6. Telling employees they could not talk to other employees about the union or solicit authorization cards.
7. Denying employees overtime or benefits on account of union and/or protected activity.
8. Telling employees that the union will have to negotiate with Garten's contractor, Westrock, because the employer would be shutting down.
9. Suspension of an employee and termination of the employee on account of union and/or protected activity.



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July 14, 2021

Ben Strozier, General Manager
Garten Trucking LLC
128 N Maple Ave
Covington, VA 24426-1545

Re: Garten Trucking LLC
Case 10-CA-279843

Dear Mr. Strozier,

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner NEIL SAGUCIO whose telephone number is (336)582-7141. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney SHANNON R. MEARES whose telephone number is (336)582-7137.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board

agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

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If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. Please ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Y. Henderson
Acting Regional Director

By:



Scott C. Thompson
Officer in Charge

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire



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Case 10-CA-279843

Dear Sir or Madam:

The charge that you filed in this case on July 14, 2021 has been docketed as case number 10-CA-279843. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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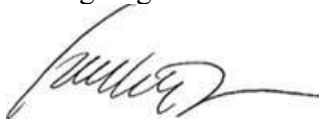
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Garten Trucking LLC

and

Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers

CASE 10-CA-279843

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☐ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

☐ GENERAL COUNSEL
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF _____

Garten Trucking LLC


IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

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(REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION)

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DATE: 7/19/21

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